

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of 10/6/04 and the tele. int. of 12/17/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14,15,21 and 22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/25/01 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Randy A. Gregory on December 17, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract:

line 1, changed "is described" to --device-- and changed "door. An" to --comprising an--

line 2, deleted "is" and changed "Channels" to --The beam includes--

line 3, deleted "and", inserted --at the ends thereof which-- following "members" and inserted --with channel members-- following "interfit"

line 5, deleted ", so the beam . . . door (when"

line 6, deleted "closed)"

line 7, deleted "Provisions are"

line 8, changed "further made to allow interaction between the" to --The-- and changed "such" to --are interconnected so--

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In the claims:

claim 14,

changed line 1 to --An overhead door guard apparatus--

line 2, deleted "as a vehicle impediment,"

line 7, inserted --each-- following "are"

line 8, changed "the" to --a respective one of a--

line 11, changed "thereof" to --of said door--

line 13, inserted --upwardly-- following "angularly"

claim 15,

line 2, changed "ends that include box configurations each" to --at least one end
having a box shape--

claim 21,

changed line 1 to --An overhead door protection apparatus--

line 2, deleted "mounted in an overhead door opening against vehicular
engagements,"

line 3, deleted "and adapted to"

line 4, changed "extend across the" to --extending across an overhead door in
an--

line 8, inserted --each-- following "are"

line 9, inserted --a respective one of-- following "to"

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line 12, changed "thereof" to --of said door--

line 14, inserted --upwardly-- following "angularly"

claim 22,

changed lines 2-3 to --includes at least one end having a box shape for reception
by the at least one guide.--

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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